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# Claude Albert Buss Collection finding aid

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**NPS Archives 006  
Claude Albert Buss Collection  
1929 – 1998**



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## **Collection Summary**

Accession Number: NPS Archives 006

Collection Title: Claude Albert Buss Collection

Dates: 1929 - 1998

Extent: 7 boxes, 5 cubic feet

Language: American English

Abstract: This collection was donated to the Special Collections and Archives (SCA) section of the Naval Postgraduate School's (NPS) Dudley Knox Library (DKL) in 2014. The collection consists of original and photocopied photographs, documents, and books by or related to Professor Claude A. Buss.

## **Administrative Summary**

Access Restrictions: The collection is open to researchers. Researchers without access to NPS should contact the Special Collections and Archives Manager at least two weeks in advance to arrange campus access.

Physical Access: The collection is maintained on the grounds of a restricted access federal government facility.

Copyright Statement: The status of copyright for the unpublished documents is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Custodial History: This collection was created by Jane Chai and given to Professor Robert Brown at the Naval War College, Monterey. Both Chai and Brown had been students of Professor Buss. Brown donated the collection to the DKL SCA.

Acquisition Source: The collection was donated by Professor Richard Brown in 2014.

Accruals: This collection is unlikely to have future acquisitions.

Related Materials: Claude Buss Biographical File, NPS Archives 001, Special Collections & Archives, DKL.

Claude Buss Room, Room 303, Glasgow Hall, NPS: diplomas and certificates  
[Claude Buss Information Guide](http://libguides.nps.edu/buss) (<http://libguides.nps.edu/buss>).

The December 1994/January 1995 issue of *The Classmate*, found in the 1990-1994 section of DKL SCA's *The Classmate* Collection, contains an interview with Buss.

Other Finding Aids: [Susquehanna University Archives](#) finding aid.

Preferred Citation: Claude A. Buss Collection, Special Collections & Archives, Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, [day, month, year].

Processing Information: Collection was initially organized by Jane Chai and did not retain Professor Buss's original order. Archivist Julia Robinson reordered this series slightly, and removed some duplicate papers.

Creation: Finding aid created by Julia Robinson, 2014.

Revision: Finding aid revised by John Sanders, 2014.

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Standard Followed: Finding aid prepared using *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. and local guidelines.

### **Historical Note**

Claude A. Buss (1903-1998) was a distinguished scholar and diplomat who, later in his life, served as a professor at the Naval Postgraduate School. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927, he joined the Foreign Service and served in China until 1934, when he joined the faculty of the University of Southern California. He became the executive assistant to the U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines in early 1941.

Buss remained in Manila when other State Department officials evacuated to Corregidor, and, as the ranking official in the capital when the Japanese invaded, was responsible for declaring it an open city. He was interned in Manila, then moved to Tokyo, and was repatriated to the U.S. in 1943. Buss then became the director of the Office of War Information in San Francisco, served as a consultant to the Strategic Bombing Survey of Japan, and was a member of General MacArthur's staff during the occupation of Japan. In 1946, he joined Stanford University's history department. He later taught at the National War College, San Jose State University, and the Naval Postgraduate School.

The Naval Postgraduate School is a graduate institution operated by the U.S. Navy and located in Monterey, California. NPS has had several names throughout its history, beginning as the School of Marine Engineering in 1909 at Annapolis; becoming the Postgraduate Department of the Naval Academy in 1912; then the Naval Postgraduate School in 1919. NPS moved from Annapolis to Monterey in two phases from 1948-1951 and formally dedicated its Monterey campus in February 1952. The university campus is the former site of the historic Hotel Del Monte, predecessor of today's Pebble Beach. NPS provides graduate and executive programs for officers of all U.S. uniformed services, officers of about 50 allied nations, and U.S. homeland security professionals. Its curricula focus on advanced applied sciences and engineering; operations research; defense analysis; international and political relations; civil military relations; and business and management. Faculty and student research programs support the needs of the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense.

### **Biographic Note**

Jane Chai, who had been a student of Buss and later helped him to write *Pacific Security*, collected the materials in this collection, and catalogued many of them. Julia Robinson catalogued the collection in its entirety and created its first finding aid.

## Scope and Content Note

The Claude Albert Buss Collection contains a number of items owned by or pertaining to Professor Claude Buss. These items include photographs, newspaper clippings, personal correspondence, interview transcripts, official documents and other assorted documents, and date from 1929 to Professor Buss's death in 1998. The collection, which is arranged by subject, includes personal scrapbooks, letters from President Franklin Roosevelt and President Manuel Quezon, and copies of many of the books and articles written by Professor Buss. It also contains a selective bibliography compiled by Greta Marlatt.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into seven series:

**Series I. Buss Papers, 1929-1998.** This series contains articles, correspondence, photographs, other documents from Buss's professional life, as well as a selective bibliography.

**Series II. Pacific Security, 1995-1998.** This collection contains individual chapters, full drafts, and notes for Buss's book, *Pacific Security*.

**Series III. China Scrapbook, 1929-1934.** This collection contains photographs and detailed descriptions of Buss's time with the Foreign Service in China.

**Series IV. World Tour Scrapbook, 1933-1934.** This series contains photographs and descriptions of Buss's trip through South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.

**Series V. Scrapbook, 1941-1954.** This series contains documents related to Buss's professional and personal life, beginning with his work in the Philippines and ending with a request for him to teach a course at the Army War College.

**Series VI. Memorial Service Scrapbook, 1998.** This series contains photographs, obituaries, and remarks by people who knew Buss, and was created for his memorial service in 1998.

**Series VII. Naval Postgraduate School Scrapbook, 1994.** This series contains photographs of Buss and his colleagues in the Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School.

## Subject Headings

Library of Congress Subject Headings:

Fulbright Scholars

Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.)

Naval Postgraduate School (U.S.). Department of National Security Affairs

Stanford University. Department of History

University of Southern California

United States. High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands

United States. Office of War Information. Overseas Operations Branch

Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Civil Information and Education Section.  
Education Division

National War College (U.S.)

Tōkyō Teikoku Daigaku

United States. International Cooperation Administration

United States Information Service

Soviet Union. Delegatsiia pri Mezhdunarodnom kongresse vostokovedov, 25th, 1960,  
Moscow, R.S.F.S.R.

United States Strategic Bombing Survey

National Archives and Records Administration Record Groups:

Records of the Office of Territories – 126.7 Records of the Office of the U.S. High  
Commissioner to the Philippine Islands 1935-59

Records of the Office of Territories – 126.7.2 Records relating to the World War II program  
for safekeeping currency, gold, securities, and other valuables after the Japanese invasion of  
the Philippines

Records of the Office of War Information [OWI] – 208.6 Records of the San Francisco  
Office, Overseas Operations Branch 1941-46

Records of Allied Operational and Occupation Headquarters, World War II – 331.45.3

Records of the SCAP Civil Information and Education Section 1941-52 – Records of the  
Education Division

Records of Interservice Agencies – 334.16 Records of the Army and Navy Staff College  
(1943-46) and the National War College (1946- ) 1942-54

Records of U.S. Foreign Assistance Agencies, 1948-1961 – 469.7 Records of the  
International Cooperation Administration (ICA) 1951-61

Records of the Office of Government Reports [OGR] – 44.5 Records of the United States  
Information Service 1936-47

Records of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey [USSBS] – 243.4 Records of the  
Pacific Survey 1928-47